Inward Traffic Figures of other articles:

Year	No. of EMS (International Speed Post) '000s'	Weight of letters in '000 Kgs. articles in
1998	314	3656
1999	345	3974
2000	346	3698
2001	350	3179
2002	358	3521

Inward Parcels

Financial Year	No. of parcels in '000s
1998-1999	210
1999-2000	231
2(XX)-2001	242
2001-2002	236
2002-2003	362

Software Services Exporters

†4975. SHRIDATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of software services exporters is increasing sharply:

(b) if so. whether emphasis has been laid on the need to encourage the small software companies, and

(c) if so, the number of such software companies sent to the information Technology' Exhibition in foreign countries, till date ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUN AVUKKARAS AR):

(a) Yes Sir. the total number of software exporting companies increased from 625 in 1997-98 to 2870 during 2001 -02.

(b) A number of schemes have been initiated by the Government such as Market Development Assistance to financially assist small software companies in exploring software export markets. Electronics and Computer Software Export

†The original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Promotion Council (ESC), under the Department of Information Technology, also organises a number of programmes such as, Trade Fairs and Buyer-Seller Meets in India and abroad in which ESC members under the SME category are given preference enabling them to participate in such events. ESC organises India pavilion in major International events in which small companies are given opportunity to take part as an exhibitor at a highly subsidised participation fee.

(c) ESC has been organising participation in several major International IT events whereby a large number of member companies have been benefited by participating in the above events. A list of events which ESC organised participation of member IT companies during the past two years is given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

ESC Participation in it events Abroad
2001-2002 *to* 2002-2003

SI. No.	Year	Name of the Event	Sector	Category	No. of Companies in ESC Pavilion
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	2002-2003	CEBIT Australia 2002 May 28-30,2002 Sydney, Australia	S/W	Exhibition	6
2.	2002-2003	CEBIT Germany March 12-19,2003 Hannover, Germany	S/W	Exhibition	16
3.	2002-2003	GITEXDubai2002 October 13-17,2002 Dubai	S/W	Exhibition	19
4.	2002-2003	Outsource world London April 24-25,2002 London Arena	S/W	Exhibition	21
5.	2002-2003	Outsource World New York January 21-22,2003 New York, USA	S/W	Exhibition	18

1	2	3	4	5	6
6	2002-2003	WESCON September 24-26,2002 Anaheim, California, USA	S/W	Exhibition	3
7.	2001-2002	IT Outsourcing Forum June 26-27,2001 Amsterdam, Netherlands	S/W	Exhibition	21
8	2001-2002	Elenex2001 September 18-20,2001 Sydney, Australia	S/W	Exhibition	7
9.	2001-2002	Interkama Software Competence Centre September 24-28,2001 Dusseldorf, Germany	S/W	Exhibition	10
10	2001-2002	Softexpo2001 November 29-December2,2001 Seoul, South Korea	S/W	Exhibition	7
11	. 2001-2002	CEBIT 2002 March 13-20,2002 Hannover, Germany	S/W	Exhibition	11
	TOTAL .				139

Computerised post offices

4976. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: WiU the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the post offices that have been computerised during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether there is any criteria for opening up of computerised post offices at village level; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRISU. THIRUNAVUKKARAS AR): (a) Proposal for supply of computers during the Tenth Plan period is awaiting clearance. In the last three years of the Ninth Plan period in 1999-2000,2000-2001,2001-2002,338 post offices have been computerised. The State-wise list is